

Alaska U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2012 Student Employment Program
Intern Request Form

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Start Date for internship

Location of Internship

Housing/Travel

NO

Does the internship location require the intern to have his own vehicle to get to work?

NONE

What kind of public transportation is available in the area?

YES

Will you or another FWS staff be able to pick up the intern at the airport if needed?

ENA-Kenai,

Nearest airport to the internship location

YES

Will your office be able to provide housing for your intern?

Housing Description:

Government housing (for rent) may or may not be available. If available, intern will share cabin sleeping spaces, communal shared kitchen, showers, commons area.

Required Training

Check all the apply to this position

*	IT Security Training, QuickTime, General USFWS Overview
*	Bear Safety
*	Firearms
	Boat Safety and Operation
	Aircraft Safety(required for travel in government float planes
*	CPR and wilderness first aid
	ATV Training
*	If available basic fire fighter training
*	Site/Job Specific (please describe): EXAMPLES: General Refuge orientation, chain saw safety.

Intern Position Description

Crew Leader Youth Conservation Corp (YCC)

GS-025-05

Position Title

GS or WG and what level?

DUTIES

- 1) Responsible for the administration and operation of an 8 week YCC program. Supervises the work of 8 high school aged enrollees (15-18 years old) completing maintenance projects on Kenai Refuge trails, cabins, campgrounds, bulletin boards, sign, toilets, etc.
- 2) Insures safe work practices through the training of YCC enrollees in the use of hand tools and equipment required to complete assigned projects. Provides general project orientation and briefings on topics relating to safe work practices including tool use, tool sharpening, personal protective equipment, hazard recognition, etc.
- 3) Supervises crew on extended overnight stays in the field in primitive "spike camps" to complete projects in remote areas of the refuge.
- 4) Provides interpretive programs and / or environmental education activities to YCC enrollees a variety of topics relating to natural history, ecology, wildlife biology, Leave-No-Trace, etc.
- 5) Uses hand and/or power tools such as rakes, axes, chainsaws, hammers, etc. to maintain visitor facilities such as trails, cabins, campgrounds, bulletin boards, signs, toilets, etc.
- 6) Maintains logs and field notes regarding work projects, enrollee work performance, and other information.

EDUCATION LEVEL, SKILL, INTERESTS

- * Demonstrated skill and ability to effectively lead and motivate youth between the ages of 15 – 18.

- * Ability to execute a variety of work assignments involving trail maintenance, trail construction, carpentry, basic grounds work, painting, and general maintenance of facilities utilizing safe practices.
- * Knowledge of and the ability to teach the proper use and maintenance of tools and equipment.
- * Ability to safely lead others while traveling, working, and living in remote backcountry environments.
- * Ability to develop and deliver safety training programs and environmental education activities.

1) To be eligible for the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP), you must:

- a) be **18 years of age or older and**
- b) be **currently enrolled as a half to full time student (*as defined by the college/university*)** at a college or university during spring 2012 **and**
- c) be **returning to a college/university enrolled as a half to full time student (*as defined by the college/university*)** in fall 2012 (school year 2012-13).

2) Valid Driver's License.

3) Skill and experience in the safe use of motor vehicles, hand and power tools, including chainsaws.

4) Will be required to wear a U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service uniform provided by the agency.

5) Will be required to carry a firearm while performing duties (for bear safety).

6) Will undergo security clearance and background check.

7) Government housing (for rent) may or may not be available.

WORK CONDITIONS, CLOTHING GEAR

For most work, the supervisor gives detailed instructions at the beginning of each project and, if necessary, reviews work in progress and provides supplemental instructions. The employee is responsible for completing work after getting initial oral or written instructions. Completed work is reviewed for completeness, quality, and compliance with instructions. Employee is expected to work in a manner safe to himself, other employees and the public. The employee is responsible for safe operation of power and hand tools and use of protective equipment.

Must be in good physical condition. This position requires frequent strenuous activity and very heavy physical effort. Exerts physical effort in doing such tasks as frequently lifting and moving objects weighing over 50 pounds and carrying heavy loads over rough terrain. Position requires repeatedly pushing, pulling, and/or carrying heavy loads. May require hikes to and from work locations of up to 15 miles a day.

The work will be outdoors in all extremes of weather involving exposure to temperature extremes. The tools, equipment and heavy objects involved occasionally present chances of serious injury (e.g. broken bones, severe cuts, strained back) Employee may be exposed to long periods of high noise from power equipment such as chain saws. He/she will be required to wear appropriate protective equipment such as safety glasses, hearing protectors, or hard hats. Work will be performed in remote field settings where living conditions are primitive.

Also, the intern should bring, gloves, a warm hat, a baseball cap, sunglasses, hiking boots, comfortable loose clothing since the job entails being outside and strenuous hiking. Headlamp, flashlight or small battery operated reading light, and a calling card or cell phone.

FWS to Provide: Hip waders, safety work boots, mosquito jackets and head nets, any equipment needed in the field, such as backpacks, field vest, sleeping bags, cook stoves, binoculars etc.